

# Political Party Precinct Committee Officers

► You may be eligible to vote for a political party Precinct Committee Officer.

## What is a Precinct Committee Officer?

Precinct Committee Officer is a position within each major political party. Washington State has two major political parties: the Democratic Party and the Republican Party. One Democratic Precinct Committee Officer and one Republican Precinct Committee Officer are elected from each precinct.

The role of the Precinct Committee Officer is to represent the precinct in political party activities, and to represent the political party in the precinct.

### [Know your election terms.]

"Precinct" means a geographical subdivision for voting purposes that is established by a county legislative authority. (RCW 29A.04.121)

## Is each candidate a member of a political party?

Unlike a candidate for public office, a candidate for Precinct Committee Officer must be a member of a political party. Precinct Committee Officers participate in party activities and represent the party.

## Who is eligible to vote for Precinct Committee Officers?

Because Precinct Committee Officer is a party position, not a public office, you must consider yourself a Democrat or Republican in order to vote for a Democratic or Republican candidate for Precinct Committee Officer. You may only vote for one candidate.

You do not have to formally join the Democratic or Republican Party, you do not have to sign a party oath, and voting in this election will not put your name on any party lists. If you consider yourself a Democrat or Republican, you can vote for a Precinct Committee Officer candidate of that party.

## How does a candidate for Precinct Committee Officer win?

The election for Precinct Committee Officer occurs during the August Primary. The position does not appear on the ballot for the November General Election.

Democratic candidates run against Democratic candidates, and Republican candidates run against Republican candidates. The candidate who receives the most votes wins. If there is no Democratic or Republican candidate on your ballot, then no candidate filed.



## Need more information?

For more information about the role of Political Party Precinct Committee Officers, contact the Democratic or Republican Party.

Washington State Democratic Party: (206) 583-0664, or [www.wa-democrats.org](http://www.wa-democrats.org)

Washington State Republican Party: (425) 460-0570, or [www.wsrp.org](http://www.wsrp.org)